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Field Day 2019 After Action

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Hams from the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon put on another great Field Day this year. Cool weather, compared to last year's Field Day dominated the event. We got a good start on Friday with set up but ran into problems almost from the get-go, little annoying things like a trap that needed repaired, fussy networking, a radio that was catatonic, a fussy antenna analyzer, an issue with our tower trailer, and a few smaller annoyances. In spite of all of that we have one picture of the 40 meter yagi at full height. During Field Day we ran our 40 meter Yagi at just shy of 70 feet, give or take. In spite of the problems when it came time to start making contacts we had been ready to start for some time on Saturday.

With 40 meter Yagi on the tower trailer, Our 20, 15, and 10 meter yagi went on the Military tower at 40'. We also had our reliable 80/40 inverted V up. We made contacts on all bands 80-15 meters and Josh made at least one satellite contact. As the day went on everything went smoothly. At about 5:30 PM I went home freshened up and returned to make this field day an all-nighter for me. I wanted to get some night shots of our Field Day installation. Peter KJ6VCM, Josh KT6VRG, and Rich KM6WZI made up the night shift. Peter's radio was sidelined for a time while a failed headset adapter cable was found to be bad, the radio was back up on the air on 40. When propagation dried up, it was time to relax for a while. Things started picking back long about 2:30-ish in the morning. It wasn't long before it started getting light again, activity was picking up on the bands. Thanks goes out to Jerry W6KIN for showing up and providing me with a blanket it was getting cold in the early hours of the morning,

Teardown went well with few hang-ups The heat was moderate on Sunday as we packed up and hauled everything back over to the shed.

There were some safety issues that were discussed at our July meeting The importance of safety cannot be Overstressed

I want to thank everyone who helped with set-up, operations, and the all important transportation of the tower trailer, thanks Mike KG6TDP.



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TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



Field Day 2019



ARCEC set up





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Next Month's Meeting
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